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#### (57) ABSTRACT

The present invention is a closed loop system for transfer of a fluid through a line between a reservoir and a vessel in a manner to provide a flow-related parameter at a selected value. The system will have major use as a non-gravitydependent infusion device. The system comprises a pressurizable reservoir containing a quantity of the fluid; means to control the flow of the fluid being transferred in a conduit between the reservoir and the vessel, including means to pressurize the reservoir; reference means with an output related to a selectable value of the flow-related parameter; means to measure the flow-related parameter; means to compare the outputs of the reference means and the measuring means; and means responsive to the output of the comparator means to adjust the fluid flow control means to provide the selected value of the flow-related parameter. Normally, the flow-related parameter will be the fluid flow rate in the conduit or the change of fluid volume in the reservoir.

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